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Dear Joan:

Acting Director of Central Intelligence Gates has asked me to respond to your letter of 24 March regarding a proposed GAO review of alleged covert assistance to the Mujahedin of Afghanistan.

We believe that this request goes to matters under the direct purview of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) which, as you know, is responsible for oversight of the Central Intelligence Agency. We understand that the Chairman of that Committee, Representative Louis Stokes, has already been in touch with Chairman William Gray of the House Committee on the Budget to offer Representative Gray a briefing that should satisfy his concerns.

We feel confident that existing Congressional oversight mechanisms will continue to provide House leadership with the kind of detailed oversight over CIA programs that will assure the Congress that our funds are professionally managed and thoroughly reviewed.

Sincerely,

/s/ David D. Gries

David D. Gries  
Director of Congressional Affairs

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